



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

May 29, 2006

Memorial Day 2006

On behalf of the people of California, I extend my greetings to all those who have gathered to remember our fallen soldiers on this Memorial Day.

From the patriots whose blood was spilled to bear this country in the American Revolution, to the men and women who give their lives defending freedom in Iraq, the story of our nation is a story of heroes. We meet today to pay our respects to those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This opportunity we have to gather, to celebrate, to have parades, to wave flags – to be Americans – comes at a terrific price. These freedoms cost us some of the finest and most courageous lives that ever walked the streets and fields of this country. Our soldiers have served, sacrificed and died, not for fame and not for glory, but for the love they had for their fellowmen, for freedom and for America.

It is in that same spirit of love that we come together today to give our thanks to those who gave their all.

With you, I salute the lives of our honored dead, and I send my appreciation for your willingness to join with others across this nation in remembering these brave heroes. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arnold Schwarzenegger". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "A" and "S".

Arnold Schwarzenegger